

## CLAIMS

- 1    1.     A method of pouring from a bottle, comprising the steps of:  
2                engaging a bottle engaging member of a bottle manipulation device on a rear and  
3    two sides of a neck of a bottle;  
4                moving a hook member connected to the bottle engaging member into an engaged  
5    position engaging a front of the neck of the bottle; and  
6                wherein the step of moving further comprises the step of snap locking the hook  
7    member relative to the front of the neck of the bottle.
  
- 1    2.     The method of claim 1, wherein the step of engaging the bottle engaging member  
2    with the bottle further comprises sliding a U-shaped fork of the bottle engaging member  
3    onto the neck of the bottle.
  
- 1    3.     The method of claim 1, wherein the step of engaging the bottle with the bottle  
2    engaging member further comprises sliding a slot of a U-shaped fork of the bottle  
3    engaging member over a flange on the neck of the bottle.
  
- 1    4.     The method of claim 1, wherein the step of moving the hook member further  
2    comprises pivoting the hook member about a pivot generally on a bisecting plane of the  
3    bottle engaging member.
  
- 1    5.     The method of claim 1, wherein the step of moving the hook member further  
2    comprises moving a portion of the hook member through a bisecting plane that generally  
3    bisects the bottle manipulation device.

1     6.     A method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2             grasping a grip portion that depends downwardly at a rear of the bottle engaging  
3     member; and  
4             manipulating the bottle and handle as a unit to control the bottle in a pouring  
5     movement.

1     7.     The method of claim 1, wherein the step of moving the hook member further  
2     comprises flexing a portion of the hook member to permit passage of said portion over a  
3     radially extending flange on a bottle neck.

1     8.     The method of claim 7, wherein the steps of moving and snap locking comprise  
2     the step of flexing, and the step of flexing further comprises forcing the hook member  
3     from a relaxed state in a disengaged position through a flexed state when it passes over a  
4     radially extending flange to a relaxed state engaging the front of the neck of the bottle in  
5     the engaged position.

1     9.     A method of advertising, comprising placing an advertisement on a handle that is  
2     attachable to and detachable from a bottle.

1     10.    The method of advertising of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of handles  
2     wherein the handle is one of the plurality of handles, the method further comprising:  
3             placing at least one advertisement on each of the plurality of handles; and  
4             distributing the plurality of handles for selective attachment to and pouring  
5     manipulation of a plurality of bottles.

1 11. A bottle manipulation device, comprising:  
2 a bottle engaging member;  
3 a grip supported on the bottle engaging member in a plane that generally bisects  
4 the bottle engaging member;  
5 a hook pivotally connected to the bottle engaging member by a pivotal connection  
6 generally in said plane; and  
7 wherein a portion of the hook is movable from a disengaged position out of the  
8 plane to an engaged position passing through the plane.

1 12. The bottle manipulation device of claim 11, wherein the bottle engaging member  
2 comprises a U-shaped fork with a respective branch of the fork on each opposite side of  
3 said plane.

1 13. The bottle manipulation device of claim 11, wherein the bottle engaging member  
2 comprises a U-shaped fork with a groove extending transversely to said plane on an  
3 inside of the U-shaped fork.

1 14. The bottle manipulation device of claim 13, wherein:  
2 the groove forms a seat for receiving a rear portion of a circular flange extending  
3 radially outward from a neck of a bottle; and  
4 the portion of the hook forms a blocking member for engaging a front portion of  
5 the flange in the engaged position.

1 15. The bottle manipulation device of claim 11, wherein:  
2 the bottle engaging member comprises a bottle engaging portion and a standoff  
3 portion; and  
4 the grip depends downwardly from the standoff portion in a pistol grip  
5 configuration.

1 16. The bottle manipulation device of claim 15, wherein the pivotal connection is  
2 disposed in the standoff portion generally between the grip and the bottle engaging  
3 portion.

1 17. The bottle manipulation device of claim 11, wherein the grip has a flat region on  
2 which an advertisement is disposed.

1 18. The bottle manipulation device of claim 11, wherein:  
2 said portion of said hook further comprises a blocking portion;  
3 the hook further comprising a thumb engaging portion; and  
4 wherein the thumb engaging portion is positioned generally between the blocking  
5 portion and the pivotal connection so that the thumb engaging portion is conveniently  
6 accessible by a user's thumb when the user's fingers are wrapped around the grip.

1 19. The bottle manipulation device of claim 18, wherein the thumb engaging portion  
2 has a thumb engaging surface disposed at an angle in a range from approximately twenty  
3 degrees to approximately seventy degrees relative to said plane in said disengaged  
4 position; and  
5 the thumb engaging surface is disposed at an angle in a range from approximately  
6 zero degrees to approximately fifteen degrees relative to said plane in said engaged  
7 position.

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